

Detailed action: comments on new claims

New claims 20-34 are presented herewith. Support for these claims is present in the application as filed at least as indicated below:

Claim 20, Figs. 1, 9, and 10, originally filed claims 3 and 4.

Claim 21, page 3 lines 19-21.

Claim 22, page 3 lines 19-21.

Claim 23, page 3 lines 19-21.

Claim 24, page 3 lines 19-21.

Claim 25, page 3 lines 28-29.

Claim 26, page 3 lines 28-29.

Claim 27, page 9 lines 16-19.

Claim 28, page 6 lines 11-14 and lines 24-28.

Claim 29, Fig. 10, page 9 lines 11-14.

Claim 30, page 4 lines 4-5.

Claim 31, page 4 lines 4-5.

Claim 32, page 4 lines 7-8.

Claim 33, Fig. 11, page 9 lines 21-26.

Claim 34, Fig. 9, page 13 lines 24-26, page 14 lines 8-13.

Accordingly, no new matter is introduced.

Detailed action: claim rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 12 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 for reciting "a suitable character".

Claims 12 and 19 are amended to remove this language.

Detailed action: claim rejections under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by US 5,708,528, hereinafter Furuya.

Claim 1 is currently amended to recite electrical wiring for the audio or visual components, and to require that this electrical wiring be disposed in the channel behind the facing plane. Thus, the electrical wiring is hidden from sight. Support for these amendments is present in the application as filed, e.g., Fig. 9 shows such concealed electrical wiring in channels (the dotted lines of Fig. 9 show the electrical wiring, see lines 4-9 of page 9). See also lines 8-13 of page 14.

Applicant respectfully contends that claim 1 as amended is not anticipated by Furuya. The office action cites several sections in Furuya in connection with claim 1: Figs. 15, 48, and 53, col. 13 lines 21-34 and col. 19 lines 15-19. These sections will be considered in turn.

Furuya Fig. 15 relates to the use of wires 127 to provide mechanical support to screen 126. See Furuya column 14, lines 15-47. These wires are not electrical wires, and they are not associated with an audio or visual component.

Furuya Fig. 48 relates to the use of wires 401, 402 to provide mechanical support for lenticular lens 233. See Furuya line 54 of column 22 to line 5 of column 23. These wires are not electrical wires, and they are not associated with an audio or visual component. Furthermore, these wires are disposed on a front surface of the embodiment of Furuya Fig. 48, thus they cannot be regarded as being disposed in

channels that are located behind the "facing plane" as recited in claim 1. In fact, Furuya Fig. 48 does not appear to show a channel as recited in claim 1.

Furuya Fig. 53 shows a multiscreen display that is a 3x3 array of unit displays (column 1, lines 38-41). Unreferenced gaps between the back parts of the unit displays are apparently regarded as being instances of "a channel" as recited in claim 1. However, there is no teaching or suggestion here of electrical wiring disposed in such channels.

Lines 21-34 of Furuya column 13 relate to Fig. 13. Unreferenced gaps between the back parts of the unit displays are apparently regarded as being instances of "a channel" as recited in claim 1. However, there is no teaching or suggestion here of electrical wiring disposed in such channels.

Lines 15-19 of Furuya column 19 relate to Fig. 32. Here a metal plate has a channel-shaped feature. From Fig. 32, it is apparent that these channel shaped features are used to mechanically engage with thin edges of the Fresnel lens fitting part 216. There is no teaching or suggestion here of electrical wiring disposed in such channels. Furthermore, these channels aren't disposed behind the "facing plane" as recited in claim 1.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully contends that claim 1 as amended is not anticipated by Furuya. These amendments are also responsive to this rejection of dependent claims 2-5.

With respect to dependent claim 3-5, Applicant respectfully contends that Furuya does not teach or suggest the features of these claims. Fig. 1 of the present application shows an example of such features, and none of the examples in Furuya have this kind of shape for the enclosure of an audio or visual component. With respect to claim 5, the office action refers to Fig. 31 of Furuya. This figure may show a facing plane that is flush with the planar visible surface of a visual component. However, Furuya Fig. 31 does not show the features of claim 3 that claim 5 depends from.

Detailed action: claim rejections under 35 USC 103

Claims 6-19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Furuya in view of US 6,966,617, hereinafter Chen.

The preceding amendments are also responsive to this rejection of dependent claims 6-19.

REMARKS

All claim rejections have been addressed. No new matter is introduced. Examiner's reconsideration of, and allowance of, this application is respectfully requested.

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